

Amendments to the Specification

Please the following paragraphs in the specification as follows:

[0032] As will be shown below, the Internet Control Agent, once installed in console 6 of IT administrator, exchanges control information with the server 1 through the HTTP protocol, and particularly the GET and POST requests. The particular format of the HTTP GET request is defined in the well-known rules laid down in the Request For Commands (RFC) 2.6.1.6, which are available at the following address <http://www.w3.org/protocols>. Since those rules are well known to the skilled man, they will not be elaborated further on. Use of the secure version of HTTP, HTTPS (RFC 2660) is an extension, which enables the protection of the users privacy by encrypting the profile information in transit.

[0074] It will now be explained how the process can be used in combination with a software executable which is dedicated to the gathering of important technical information about the hardware and the software of a considered machine. To achieve this, Internet Control Agent controls the downloading and the installation of a specific executable file--a so called sysinfo.exe executable file--for the purpose of collecting data representative of the hardware of the device. That particular file, once loaded, accesses the internal technical parameters which are loaded into the BIOS layer. Once installed, the sysinfo.exe executable file extracts system information directly from the SMBIOS tables, or interrogates the Desktop Management Interface (DMI), or Windows Management Interface (WMI) as known from Microsoft. As known by the skilled man, the DMI and WMI interfaces are Application Programming Interfaces (API) that consists of a set of routines that are called for accessing the information relevant to the host machine. Basic information relating to the DMI programming interface can be found at the address <http://www.dmtf.org/>.